

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, the airwaves serve the large company and its interests, not the interests of our democracy. Instead of airing something that promotes American values truthfully, Sinclair intends to twist John Kerry's service to his country as something to be doubted, even despised.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.